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SUBJECT: LUIS JAIME SALAZAR-TAMAYO (ZD-75-0002)

1. 1ST LT. LUIS J. SALAZAR-TAMAYO, 2ND LT. LUIS C. OSORIO-BOTERO AND ENLISTEDMAN MARIO MEJIA-QUICENO ARE BEING HELD IN QUITO AND WILL STAND TRIAL IN ECUADOR; THE AIRCRAFT IS TO BE RETURNED TO COLOMBIA BY A COLOMBIAN CREW. GOE IS PURSUING THE INVESTIGATION AND HAVE NOW PRINTED CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT IN THE LOCAL PRESS DUE MOSTLY TO ALLEGATIONS THAT ECUADORIAN MILITARY ARE INVOLVED WITH COLOMBIAN MILITARY IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IN THIS BORDER AREA. THE QUITO D.O. HAS NO INFORMATION INVOLVING ANY ECUADORIAN MILITARY IN NARCOTICS TRAFFICKING IN THAT AREA.

2. ACCORDING TO A QUITO DO SOURCE OF INFORMATION, THE AIRCRAFT LANDED ON THE RIO NAPO WHERE IT IS JOINED BY THE RIO SUMINO, A SMALLER RIVER ABOUT 70 KMS EAST OF TENA, ON SATURDAY, JUNE 28TH. THE CREW APPEARED SURPRISED THEY WERE IN ECUADOR AND SPENT THE NIGHT AT A NEARBY SMALL FARM. THE FOLLOWING DAY THEY WERE VISITED BY THE MAYOR OF TENA AND THE TWO OFFICERS LEFT WITH HIM. LATER THAT AFTERNOON, A NAVAL ENLISTEDMAN
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ARRIVED, CHECKED OVER THE AIRCRAFT AND LEFT WITH THE

REMAINING ENLISTEDMAN.

3. EVENTUALLY THE MILITARY AUTHORITIES INTERROGATED THE CREW, SUSPECTING THEY WERE GUERILLAS, HOWEVER NEVER GOT AROUND TO SEARCHING THE AIRCRAFT UNTIL TUESDAY, JULY 1ST. AT THAT TIME THE MILITARY EXAMINED SEVERAL 40 POUND LARD CANS THAT ATTRACTED ATTENTION DUE TO BEING SOLDERED CLOSED, AND LOCATED THE COCAINE SULFATE BENEATH THE LARD COVERING. ACCORDING TO THE SOI THE AIRCRAFT WAS ALSO CARRYING THREE BARRELS OF FUEL.

4. THE QUITO DO IS PURSUING THE INVESTIGATION WITH THE NATIONAL POLICE AND IS OBTAINING COPIES OF THE SUSPECTS' DECLARATIONS; ALL LEADS WILL BE FORWARDED TO THE BOGOTA DO.
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